IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/716.474 Confirmation No. 6873

Applicant : T. KIKUCHI et al. Filed November 20, 2003

Title A CROSS-CONTAMINATION PREVENTION SYSTEM AND

AUTOMATIC ANALYZER WHICH EQUIP FOR IT

TC/AU : 3689

Examiner : H.M. Riviere

Docket No. : KAS-195

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 October 13, 2009

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of October 6, 2009 and the Office Action of April 23, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.